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#### TRIBUTE TO HANNAH INMAN

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Hannah Inman for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Hannah Inman serves as the Director of Communications for the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and is also the co-owner of two businesses—Maverly Lands, an agribusiness, and KDC Built, a home-building operation she owns with her husband of ten years, Mike. KDC Built was launched amid the fiscal crisis and has not only survived, but thrived as the business donates the proceeds from one house to charity. When Hannah is not juggling the responsibilities of her two businesses or the communications efforts for the largest conservation bond issue in Iowa, she also serves as a member of the Broadlawn Advocate Circle marketing committee, an executive committee member of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute class of 2011, and is a mother to her and Mike's two young children, six-year-old Maverick and Everly, who will turn two later this year. In every facet of her life, Hannah is an example of service and Iowa work ethic that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Hannah in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Inman for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Hannah on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### CELEBRATING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 34th anniversary

of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). Having served in this body during the passage of this historic legislation, I am happy to note the success that the Act has achieved.

When Congress debated the Act, it sought to protect the freedom and integrity of the people of Taiwan at a time when the island's future was uncertain. The TRA's success in helping to provide the climate for Taiwan's remarkable economic growth and its model democracy has proven beyond all doubt the merit of this particular agreement.

Today, Taiwan's people have one of the best health care systems in the world, which I believe we would be well-served to emulate. Its people enjoy a true democracy with all the benefits of a free people. Its economy is the envy of many nations around the world.

The Taiwan Relations Act continues to play an important role in maintaining peace in an important region of the world and I am certain that it will continue to do so for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT OF LAUREN ROJAS

### HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Rojas, a seventh-grade student from Antioch, California, whose exceptional science experiment earned first place at the Association of Christian Schools International science fair for the Northern California region and gained the attention of the world.

Lauren launched a weather balloon 18 miles above Earth to gather atmospheric data from the troposphere. Her experiment on the air we breathe represents the benefits of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in our nation. She is a bright, dedicated young woman who is passionate about learning.

Unfortunately, less than 25 percent of all STEM jobs are held by women. We must prioritize investments in STEM education to facilitate more opportunities for women to close this gap. Lauren Rojas and her science experiment are an example of what can be accomplished if we commit to this goal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lauren Rojas, her scientific achievement, and the upcoming generation of women scientists, engineers, and mathematicians.

#### DALE RUSSELL, MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale Russell on his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Dale has seen success throughout his career, both on and off the basketball court. As a senior at Branson High School, he led the Pirate basketball team to a perfect 41–0 record, capped off by the 1955 Class B State

Championship. He was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

As a senior at Southwest Missouri State University, Dale and his teammates finished second in the National Division II Basketball Championship.

Dale went on to coach basketball for 24 years in Southwest Missouri, including his last 13 at Branson High. In addition to impacting our district's young people on the court, he taught science, health, and physical education classes.

The City of Branson, Branson High School, and the 7th District should be very proud of Dale's accomplishments. He truly represents us all in a positive manner.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dale, a phenomenal athlete, teacher, and coach on his impressive accomplishments.

#### ADRIAN MALFABON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Adrian Malfabon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Adrian Malfabon is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Adrian Malfabon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Adrian Malfabon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO AIMEE STAUDT

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Aimee Staudt for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

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Aimee Staudt is the Director of Development for Knapp Properties, Inc. where she